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SUMMARY: KIM II SUNG, WHO APPEARED WELL, TOLD MALIK DPRK NEUTRAL IN USSR-PRC STRUGGLE, ESTIMATED DRRIFOULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL SURPLUES OF RICE, FERTILIZER AND CEMENT, AND SAID DRPRK WISHED TO REDUCE PERCENTAGE OF ITS TRADE GOIN TO COMMUNIST BLOC. MALIK HAD IMPRESSION KIM WISHES ESTABLISH BETTER CONTACTS WITH US. END SUMMARY

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR JULY 29, MALIK GAVE HIS IMPRESSIONSON NORTH KOREA WHICH HE VISITED DURING RECENT TRIP (REFTLE). MALIK STATED THAT HIS
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MEETING WITH KIM II SUNG TOOK PLACE SOMEWHERE NEAR

NORTHERN BORDER WITH CHINA. MALIK WAS PUT ON TRAIN FOR 12 HOURS WITHOUT BEING TOLD DESTINATION, AFTER WHICH HE WAS TAKEN ABOUT 90 KILOMETERS FURTHER NORTH ("I HAD MY CMMPASS," HE NOTED).

2. ACCORDING MALIK, UNLIKE REPORTS GIVEN HIM BY ROK AMBASSADOR JAE SUL LEE, KIM II SUNG APPEARED PERFECTLY HELATHY AND TALKED WITH MALIK FROM EARLY MORNING UNTIL LUNCH. KIM ZNLD MALIK HIS BRAND OF COMMUNISM DIFFERENT SINCE KIMS A NATIONALIST FIRST, AND IS NOT TOO CLOSE TO USSR OR PRC, BEING "NEUTRAL" IN STRUGGLE BETWEEN TWO. KIM SAID DPRK WOULD IN 1975 HAVE RICE SURPLUS OF ONE MILLION TONS, AS WELL AS SURPLUSES IN CEMENT AND FERTILIZER WHICH COULD BE EXPORTED TO INDONESIA. KIM ADDED THAT HE WISHED TO CHANGE MAKE-UP OF DPRK'S TRADE FROM PRESENT 80 O/O COMMUNIST BLOC - 20 O/O OTHER TO 50-50 MIX. MALIK COMMENTED IF THIS TRUE NORTH KOREA "NOT WARLIKE".

3. MALIK URGED THAT NORTH KOREA JOIN UN, AND RECEIVED STANDARD REPLY ABOUT THIS PERPETUATING DIVISION OF COUNTRY. WHEN KIM MENTIONED UN COMMAND IN KOREA, MALIK SUGGESTED HE SPEAK TO US, TO WHICH KIM DID NOT REPLY.

4. KIM MADE FORESEEABLE COMMENTS ABOUT DIVISION, MILITARY OPPRESSION AND UNHAPPINESS OF PEOPLE IN SOUTH KOREA (MALIK REMARED THAT HE HAD EARLIER ADVISED ROK AMBASSADOR LEE TO TELL PARK TO UNITE HIS PEOPLE IF SOUTH KOREA WAS SUCCESSFULLY GOING TO STAND UP TO NORTH).

5. MALIK COMMENTED THAT IT HIS IMPRESSION THAT KIM DESIRES BETTER CONTACT WITH US, WITHOUT GIVING MUCH RATIONAL (EXCEPT DESIRE FOR TRADE WITH NON-COMMUNIST BLOC) TO SUPPORT HIS THEORY.
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